MMMonVHF Newsletter No. 1/ WEEK 19 2012
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Hallo dear MMMonVHF friends,

please find below our latest NEWSLETTER from the VHF-DX-Portal
"Make More Miles on VHF" (www.MMMonVHF.de), dated 2012-05-09
We try to distribute our Newsletter, once a week on thursday;
if any special activity will make it necessary
we will inform you with Breaking News or a Special NL-Edition.
For further details please be so kind and look at our "News"-page
http://www.mmmonvhf.de/latest.php - you are welcome for any
input and we hope you will enjoy the VHF-DX-Portal MMMonVHF!

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Latest NEWS and INFO for the NEWSLETTER
MMMonVHF The VHF-DX-Portal
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** Sporadic E season 2012 **

The Sporadic E season 2012 has started. On May 8th at 13.08 UTC the first
ES QSO of 2012 was reported between YO3FOU (KN34) and IW1BCV (JN44).
The opening was short and hardly noticed as most will have been at work.
A bit later at 13:23 UTC another short opening starting with a QSO
between F5XU (JN15) and LZ3GM (KN32).

For the statistics; first openings reported in:
2008 May 11
2009 May 17
2010 May 11
2011 May 15

So 2012 looks like an early starter... let's see what is going to happen!

Good Hunting!

Source: Frank, PA4EME, editor Sporadic E section MMMonVHF

** n-Aquariids (ETA), MS shower with unexpected surprise ? **

The most pominent shower for May is (was) the n-Aquariids. The predicted
maximum was for May 5th around 19.00 UTC. When looking to the
visual activity graphics and observations from IMO-members the shower
did reach almost the predicted ZHR of 65 hr-1 but it did not peak
on May 5th but earlier.

http://www.imo.net/live/eta-aquariids2012/

More interesting is something that happened on
Sunday May 6th between 07.30 UTC - 09.30 UTC. During the ongoing May
contest a significant increase of meteorreflections were reported
and these resulted is SSB MS contacts between participants in the
contest. Most reflections centered in an area stretching from eastern
France to Northern Italy. At some moment certain stations believed to

have worked Sporadic E and reported their QSO's as ES. Looking at the
geographical distribution it was obvious it was MS related and the
signals sounded like MS too. Long onderdense reflections provided
possibilities for one burst SSB MS QSO's. Based on information on
the DX-cluster and comments on ON4KST chat it appears that the ZHR
reached 100 hr-1 which is quit unexpected.

MMMonVHF has reported this event to IMO (International Meteor Organisation)
and they are very interested as the event might be an possible outburst
of the ETA shower caused by the influance of Jupiter on the stream of debris
from earlier passages of the parent comet 1P/Halley. As it happened during
daylight hours there is no visual confirmation and no IMO member has
reported large numbers of meteors on May 5th or 6th.

OH5IY confirms the increase in MS activity and is investigating too and would
like to have aditional data too.

If possible MMMonVHF would like to collect information from stations that
were active during the timeframe of May 6th 07.30 UTC and 09.30 UTC and is
asking to report their QSO's and info about estimated number of reflections.
Any soundrecordings are welcome as from these a number of reflections in
a certain timeframe can be calculated. Please send them to Frank, PA4EME,
who will collect the data and forward them to IMO and OH5IY.

Please send those reports to pa4eme@pa4eme.nl

SOURCE: Frank, PA4EME, for MMMonVHF.

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HOT 144 MHz MS & EME DX-PEDITION NEWS - Pse do use:
http://www.mmmonvhf.de/latest.php
and use the FILTER for your personal wishes!
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**DXCC: OH0: Aland; square JP90; start 2012-05-24

OH8K/0 will be qrv from JP90SF during the Nordic VUSHF-Meeting 2012

The plan from Jussi, OH6ZZ and Sami, OH9GDT will be to join the
Nordic VUSHF-Meeting at Island Aland during 24-27 Mai 2012
(http://vushf.rats.fi/)
They try to be qrv as OH8K/0 on 2m FSK/EME on 25-27 May.
QRG and more details will be spread later...

SOURCE: tnx to Jussi, OH6ZZ direct to MMMonVHF

**DXCC: 5X: Oeganda; square KJ60; start 2012-05-25

Moonbounce from Uganda, 5X1EME, KJ60GH

After some very successfull DXpeditions to the Gambia past year
(C56EME with 361 inits on 144 MHz, a worldrecord, and 11 inits om 432 MHz),
Bonaire (PJ4X) and Curacao (PJ2/PE1L), Rene, PE1L will now try again to make

Moonbounce QSO's from Uganda on 144 MHz and 432 MHz. Uganda the pearl of Africa.
This time Eltje PA3CEE will join the party again. He was also joining in
Kenya (5Z4EME 2009), Mauritius (3B8EME 2010) and the Gambia (C56EME 2011).
Don't change a winning team!
We will be QRV moonbounce 2 meter as 5X1EME, a special moonbounce permit is requested.
If all ok we will have a small 70cm setup with us.

>From May 25th (Eltjes birthday!) 5X1EME will be active
from Uganda on 144 MHz moonbounce. The locator will be KJ60gh, near Kampala on the equator.

The plan is to leave May 21st and build up the station before the weekend. It's just
the two of us but we know what we are doing. It's a hard job to get the license there.
Callsign is still a bit insecure but we have good faith in obtaining 5X1EME.
We want to be active at least during two whole weekends when there is
good activity in combination with good moon conditions.
Last operation presumably June 3rd.

Internet possibility is unsure but we try to send at least once a day a update via MoonNet,
MMMonVHF and our mailinglist.
If internet will be low, we will try (one way) communication through
Twitter: http://twitter.com/#!/PA3CEE and
http://twitter.com/AtleticoTeamExp in order to inform with short messages.

Frequency:
We always TX and RX 144.134 MHz
We use 1 minute periods and we will TX always first.

Setup:
2 x 8 Xpol yagi
400 watt amplifier and a low NF preamp (WA2ODO)

Welcome to Uganda moonbounce site! http://www.emelogger.com/uganda

This is our fourth DXpedition to Africa. Africa came into our blood.
We have to come back as often as possible. We can't resist....

SOURCE: Rene PE1L and Eltje PA3CEE direct to MMMonVHF

** DXCC: F: France ; square JN14; start 2012-06-02 **

F/PA2CHR/p qev from JN14BU begin of June

During my summer holiday I will be QRV on Saturday 2
June and (if good activity) Sunday 3 June from a
hilltop in Southern France.
This is not a real DX-pedition, just some hours fun.
If you need JN14 locator pse let me know, maybe we
can arrange a sked.

Station 144 MHz: FT857, 150W. PA and 10el.
Station 432 Mhz: FT857, 100W. PA and 21el.

Best 73's

SOURCE: tnx to Chris, PA2CHR, direct to MMMonVHF

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** DXCC: SP : Poland ; square JO80 **

Hello everyone,

Because of the Global Astronomy Month 2012, a special call sign SN2012GAM appear on the EME bands. We are going to work on European EME Contest on 13cm. We are cordially invite you to take a QSO with this special call sign, which will working form the EME Group Klodzko (SP6OPN) station located in Poland.

73, vy
SP6JLW (Andy), SP3QFE (Armi)
and other operators of the EME Group in Klodzko (JO80jk).

SOURCE: Andrej, SP6JLW to MoonNet 2012-04-28

** DXCC: ??; square: ??; start 2012-05-17 **

ME-DXpedition 2012 de DL1YMK

The M&M-team is preparing the next EME-DXpedition, taking place in May 2012. We will set out for our destination just after having returned from the Swedish EME Meeting, organised by Lars, SM4IVE, on the weekend 12./13th of May in Oerebro. We hope to reach our destination in time and to get QRV on Thursday, 17th of May (bank holiday in Europe) on 23 cm, followed by 70 cm on 18.05. On Saturday, 19.05., we will be on 13 cm and on Sunday again on 23 cm. 13 cm will be run with a significant increase in power and full 2424 MHz coverage. For the first time during an EME- DXpedition, we intend to get also operational on 6 cm with our old, but proven stressed dish and a new superb feed made by our friend Tommy, WD5AGO. 6 cm will have an experimental character despite some 100 W out, as we could not test so far, if the under-illuminated dish will work up that high in frequency, so keep your fingers crossed!! Our plan is to give it a try on Monday, 21th May. Also, we intend to get active on 3 cm with a separate solid dish, which of course is a lot smaller. Last weekend we made the first test with LX1DB, having installed the dish in our garden place. The tests were not yet satisfying, so our friend Willi right now is trying to help us out with some substantial development aid!
During the DUBUS contest 26./27th of May, we will of course be active on 23 cm in order to boost activity in the moonbounce contest of contests. Our last day of operation will be Thursday, 31st of May. A detailed schedule for the days from 21th May onwards predominantly will depend on the progress with 10GHz in the meantime. Further details to be published soon!! This years DXpedition will be the 9th EME-DXpedition in a sequence for us. We hope to have fun all together as experienced during past years DXpeditions.but this largely depends on you.
Needless to say that it will be again a CW random event, although

doodle mode technically is possible (with a new laptop computer)
on request. We have no idea yet to what extent (if at all) i-net
access is feasable, though.

Vy 73, Michael and Monika

SOURCE: Moon mailing list ; Moon@moonbounce.info

** DXCC: 4X: Israel; square KM72; start 2012-05-17 **

2012 sees the first DXpedition by the group of Dutch radio amateurs
listed below to Israel, who, apart from making QSO's, look forward
to meeting local hams and visiting places of cultural and historical interest.
We will be active from May 17th until May 30th
The first 6 days we will stay in Nes Ammim in the Northwest between Nahariya
and Akko in KM72nx. From there we will travel to Rishon LeZion in KM71jw.

The members of the team during May 2012 are Jaap PA7DA, Loek PA9LUC and XYL,
Hans PA0JBB and SWL Aad van den Nieuwendijk.
At this moment we don't have a 4X callsign and will be QRV according CEPT-regulations with
4X/PA7DA and 4X/PA9LUC. We will operate mainly on 10, 6 and 2m.

More information on the PA7DA website!

SOURCE: tnx to PA7DA direct to MMMonVHF

** DXCC: GM: Scotland; square IO57; start 2012-05-16 **

Operators Allan GM3OZB, Barry GM3YEH, Bill GM3ZRT, John GM0DJG, Gordon MM0BIM
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and Declan EI6FR will be active as GM7WCO/p from St. Kilda Islands
(EU-059, Grid Loc. IO57), individual island not known at this time,
from 16-21 May, 2012. QRV on on HF and 6m using CW, SSB and possibly RTTY.
QSL via GM7WCO, bureau or direct.

SOURCE: [rsgbiota.org] via ICPO Bulletin (13-20 January 2012)

** DXCC: 9H: Maltha; square JM75; start 2012-05-26 **

Island of Malta qrv on HF and 50 MHz

Zoli, HA5PP, will once again be active from the island of Malta (EU-023,
MIA MM-001, WLOTA 1113, CQ zone 15) as 9H3PP during the CQWW WPX CW Contest
(26-27 May, 2012). Plans are for a Single-Op/Single-Band entry, either 15m or 10m.
After the contest Zoli will focus on some 6m and 12m activity. QSL via home call.

SOURCE: [NG3K] via ICPO Bulletin (03 - 10 February 2012)

** DXCC: xx9: Macau; square start 2012-05-12 **

Macau, XX9, qrv HF and 6 Meter

A team consisting of EA5BZ, EA5CEE, EA6DD, EB5BBM, F5VLY, EA1ACP, EA5FX, EA7FTR
and EB7DX will be active from Coloane Island, Macau between May 17-23, 2012.
They plan to be active from 6 to 160 meters (include WARC) in CW, SSB and RTTY
with at least 3 stations simultaneously in different bands and modes. QSL via EB7DX.
Website: http://www.adxg.org/xx9/

SOURCE: EB7DX

** DXCC: N: USA; square EN91; start 2012-05-12 **

N8OFS/p qrv 2012-05-12 2300Z till 2012-05-13 0300Z from EN91or

The Rules for the 2012 Spring VHF/UHF Sprints are online...

http://sites.google.com/site/springvhfupsprints/2012-announcement-rules

I will once again be Broadcasting Live and Direct from the Big Caboose at
the beloved AC&J Railroad for the 6M Sprint... This will be my First of
Six trips to the Caboose for 2012... 50W from the Kenwood TS-60 to the
"DOMINATOR"(tm) at 28.5ft, parked and locked on 52.525FM from EN91or...

PeAcE...

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i9CDaJ3qR4Q
Andy N8OFS GOT6??? GOT RAVE??? GOT FOOTY??? SMIRK#6737
The CrAzY 6 Meters FM only, sometimes found in a Caboose guy...

SOURCE: tnx to Andy, N8OFS, direct to MMMonVHF

** DXCC: VP9: Bermuda; square ? ; start 2012-05-07 **

Seppo,OH1VR/VP9, and Egbert,OH1ZAA/VP9, will be QRV in CW and SSB on HF
and 6m from May 7-13. QSLs via homecalls, OH1VR/VP9 only direct.

SOURCE: DXNL 1778 - May 2, 2012

** DXCC: OH: Finland; square KP43; start 2012-06-08 **

Markku, OH8UV, will be QRV as OH7UV from KP43RL with 100 W in 4 el.

There is a radia amateur summer meeting in Eastern Finland and their meight

be some activity on VHF and UHF too.

SOURCE: Markku, OH8UV, direct to MMMonVHF

** DXCC: OH: Finland; square KP33; start 2012-06-21 **

Markku, OH8UV, will be QRV on 50 MHz as OH7UV from KP23 with 100W in 4 el.

SOURCE: Markku, OH8UV, direct to MMMonVHF

** DXCC: D6: Comoros; start 2012-08-01 **

HF and 6m Activity planed as D64K (LH81PJ)

We will have a station dedicated to 6m with a K3, ACOM1000 and long yagi.

Dates to be confirmed.

Operators are: C31CT/EA3QS, IW3SQY, IZ4AKS, IZ8GCE, SP3DOI, IV3DSH, EA3AKY

Expedition website: www.d64k.com

SOURCE: Josep EA3AKY direct to MMMonVHF

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to the next MMMonVHF Newsletter will be next wednesday 22.00 UTC ...

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like ON4KST-, RU-VHF-DX-Net, EA-V-U-SHF-Chat, N0UK-Chat and others.

** Many thanks to all our USERS who did send us info and news **

Wherever we found the info we always indicate the source of the
info. If you get knowledge of an expedition, which is NOT listed
at our VHF-DX-Portal MMMonVHF or if you have additional info for
an expedition, PLEASE be so kind and send us this info at:

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The MMMonVHF-Team is always trying to spread any expedition info

as much up-to-date and reliable as possible and as long as the
info does not violate with our MMMonVHF-Policy ...

Have a lot of fun and enjoy the VHF-DX-Portal MMMonVHF!

73 de Lins PA3CMC and Frank, PA4EME
on behalf of the MMMonVHF-Team

DG2KBC DK3XT DK5EW DK5YA DL8EBW HA5CRX
IV3NDC OZ1LPR PA2DW PA3BIY PA3CMC & PA4EME